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SUBJECT: Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care

ELDERLY WAIVER (EW)   
EW serves individuals age 65 and older. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) operates the EW program under a federal waiver to Minnesota’s Medicaid State Plan.

EW defines Adult Day Services as a program operating less than 24 hours per day that provides an individualized and coordinated set of services (including health services, social services, and nutritional services) directed at maintaining or improving a recipient’s capabilities for self-care, including:

* Supervision
* Care assistance
* Training
* Activities based on recipient needs and directed toward achievement of specific outcomes identified in community support plan

Service goals include but are not limited to:

* Optimizing health and cognitive functioning
* Increasing socialization
* Improving community integration
* Services must be designed to meet both the health and social needs of a recipient and may not be used solely for recreational or diversional purposes.

The vast majority of participants in the EW program are enrolled in the Minnesota Senior Health Options ([**MSHO**](https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/msho.jsp)) program, meaning that their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, including EW benefits, are assigned to a health plan.

Working with these health plans for authorization and payment of services is an important part of successfully serving clients on EW.

ALTERNATIVE CARE (AC)  
AC funds home and community-based services for people age 65 years and older who require the level of care provided in a nursing home, choose to live in the community and are not yet financially eligible for Medical Assistance.

RATES:  
Rates for Adult Day Services under EW are currently set at $3.45 per 15-minute unit or $7.65 per 15-minute unit for bathing service.

DHS may update rates on a regular basis. Be mindful of rate changes and advocate for the appropriate rate if a lower rate is being given. Current rates (as of July 1, 2019) for state-funded programs can be found at: [**EW RATES**](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3945-ENG)**.**

BILLING CODES: EW & AC  
Adult Day Services 15 minutes - S5100

Adult Day Services Bath – S5100 TF

TRANSPORTATION BILLING CODES  
**EW:**

T2003 with modifier UC – Per one-way trip

S0215 with modifier UC – Per mile

**AC:**

T2003 – Per one-way trip

S0215 with modifier UC – Per mile

*To bill for transportation for a client receiving waiver funding, the Adult Day Services program must be enrolled as a transportation provider with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). This type of transportation is categorized as Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. See* [***Transportation Billing***](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=ID_008991#CS)*.*

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